



# Newsletter Friday 6th October 2023

## Headteacher News

As I walked into the classroom, the children were standing, tongues out, thumbs up and knees together. They were wriggling away, giggling aloud and the fun filled the room. I look at the teacher and the support staff and they were doing exactly the same. Laughing, smiling and having fun. I thought chaos was about to unfold. The teacher, in her magical way simply, said " now show me you are ready"... The pupils stopped instantly and then took their seat. Arms folded, eyes straight forward. Silence fell. Breath-taking self control from the children.

To think that this class was one of our reception classes with our youngest children only having been in school for a few weeks blew me away. The fun was insatiable. The behaviour impeccable but the respect both for the teacher and to the children was already embedded. Trust shone through and as a result the teacher was able to have this moment with her class. I sat full of pride and in awe of the skill.

Our values are really shining through. We are practising them each day and celebrating when our pupils model them. In each class we have a wall filled with beautiful photo frames each with a unique and fun picture of each of the children together as a class family. Surrounding these pictures are small tokens of appreciation. Each time a child models a value and shine brightly, their frame gets

another token. We are developing a sense of pride in oneself, with an intrinsic feeling of doing well and achieving something you are working for.

This weekend is our big tidy. We are acting with pride! Our aim is to try and get the woodland walk more accessible and enable us to see the potential it has. We will also be sweeping and cleaning some of the windows and outside areas where we can. It's a huge site and if you are able to help us chip away and unleash some potential, we would love your help. The main Loose Road gates will be open from 09:00am with juice and biscuits available too. We do not have any tools so please, if you are coming to help, bring along:

Brooms, cutters, gloves and a smile.

We have our parents' evening coming up soon and I really can't wait to meet more of you. I still feel incredibly new to the school and am still learning many new things each day. Please, if you have any feedback or thoughts on more we could/should do as a school in the local community, I would love to hear your thoughts. please do email them to [Headteacher@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Headteacher@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk).

Have a great weekend and keep well!

Trevor North



## Assistant Headteacher News

Mr Farley this week. Your children continue to show our school values throughout the day and are in particular showing respect in assemblies which is great to see.

Since the removal of our behaviour ladder system, your children have been able to earn values tokens which when they accumulate result in a reward. The rewards happen in 3 stages; bronze,

silver and gold. For the gold award, Mr North will arrange a special treat for the children which could be a trip to dominos or similar.

Determination is one of the values we are seeing in class on a daily basis. Children are challenged in their learning and children's determination to succeed is growing in strength all the time.

We hope to see some of you at the big clean up tomorrow.

Take care.

Mr Farley



## Diary Dates

### Term 1

07 Oct - BIG TIDY UP - come any time between 9am & 12pm with gardening gloves to help tidy up the grounds

10 Oct - Year R Biscuit Bear Bake Off - see below for full details

10 Oct - Bake Sale 3.20pm outside Crystal & Pearl Classes

11 Oct - Harvest Church Services All Saints Church Loose

13 Oct - Parent Council Meeting - Staffroom 2.30-3.15pm (refreshments from 2.15pm)

13 Oct - KS2 PTA Disco

16 Oct - Restart a Heart Day - 30 minute online workshops for Yrs 3-5 (Year 6 doing on 19th October)

16 Oct - KS1 (Years R, 1 & 2) Class & Individual Photos

17 Oct - KS2 (Years 3, 4 & 5) Class & Individual Photos (Year 6 done in June)

17 Oct - Parents Evening Consultations - 4.00pm to 7.00pm

18 Oct - Year 5 Spy Day

18 Oct - Parents Evening Consultations - 3.40pm to 6.30pm

18 Oct - Kent 11+ Test Results to parents from 4pm

19 Oct - Restart a Heart Training Year 6

19 Oct - Last day of term for children - school finishes 3.20pm

20 Oct - Staff Training Day

30 Oct - Children back to school for term 2



## YR Biscuit Bear Bake Off – Tuesday 10th October 2023

Your children have been enjoying our 'Bear Hugs' topic so far this term and as part of this, one of our study texts is 'Biscuit Bear' by Mini Grey. In previous years, we have run successful 'Biscuit Bear Bake Offs' and we would like to continue this tradition!

We are asking you to bake something linked to the theme of bears with your children.

**Please send your baked goods into school with your children on Tuesday 10th October.** The baking will be judged by Mr North and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be announced during the day. **We will then be running a stall to sell the cakes to the whole school community from 3:20pm** that day to raise funds for Early Years – your children will be deciding what to spend their money on! Thank you in advance for your support – the children will be so excited about this!

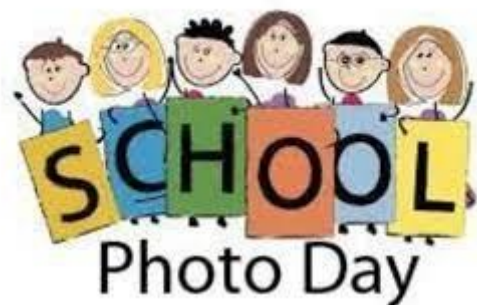


## School Photographs

As a reminder, we have Fizz Photography visiting our school on the mornings of Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October 2023.

On Monday all of the KS1 children (Year R, 1 & 2) will have both a class and individual photograph taken. On Tuesday 17th October Years 3 to 5 will also have their photographs taken on an individual and class basis. Year 6 will have theirs before they leave at the end of the academic year. Please ensure your child arrives at school in full uniform.

Many thanks.



## Secondary Applications

Online applications for secondary school admissions opened on the 1st September and the national closing date for all secondary school applications is midnight on the 31st October 2023. For children

sitting the Kent 11+ Test, results will be emailed to parents after 4pm on the 18th October. You can apply for up to 4 schools, putting them in order of preference. It's in your best interest to list 4 schools. Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give your child priority for a place over another child, neither does naming a school more than once. For advice call 03000 41 21 21 or email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)

You can also find lots of information on the following link:-

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

National offer day is 1st March 2024.

Please contact the school office with plenty of warning if you are completing a scholarship for your child's admission to secondary school to allow time for the school section to be completed. Ideally we would like these all in by Friday 6th October. This gives us time to complete scholarship paperwork which will be ready to collect on Thursday 19th October from the main office. We do need the application booklet to stick our section in and sign or if you have an email link you can email to the office. Please make sure you let us know what kind of scholarship you are applying for too.

## Harvest

| Group                                       | 1         | 2          | 3         |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Classes                                     | Crystal   | Pearl      | Opal      |
|   | Diamond   | Sapphire   | Moonstone |
|   | Tanzanite | Aquamarine | Turquoise |
|   | Amber     | Coral      | Jade      |
|   | Emerald   | Onyx       | Ruby      |
|   | Amethyst  | Topaz      | Sunstone  |
|   | Quartz    | Zultanite  | Peridot   |
| Time children leaving school                | 9.00am    | 9.45am     | 10.30am   |
| Time for parents/carers to arrive at church | 9.15am    | 10.00am    | 10.45am   |

The children will be attending All Saints Church in Loose next Wednesday 11th October to celebrate Harvest.

This year our donations will be going to Parkwood Community Larder, which is one of our local foodbanks. They would be very happy to receive any of the following:-

***any tinned food, any dried food such as rice, pasta, noodles, cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee & sugar, pasta sauces or stir in sauces, crackers and biscuits, pet food, nappies, wipes and baby products, toiletries, toilet paper and other household items e.g. cleaning & laundry***

Please bring any donations into school next Monday 9th or Tuesday 10th October. We will be putting tables out for the donations.

Please see timetable attached for the church services.

## Photography Friday 13th October

Weather permitting, on Friday the 13th we will be welcoming two photographers to the school to provide new images for us to use around the school, in our brochure and on our website. We will use the permission slip you completed when your child started with us to inform us if your child can feature in these pictures or not. Please ensure your child wears the correct items of uniform to school on this day, as they should every day. For guidance on our uniform policy, please visit

[Loose Primary School - Uniform \(loose-primary.kent.sch.uk\)](http://loose-primary.kent.sch.uk)

## MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you all for your kind participation during last week's Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.

Whether you baked us a cake, joined us for a drink and a slice, donated online, dropped some money in via your children or bought some sweet treats on your way home, it was all very much appreciated. We raised over £600.00 for this very worthwhile cause. If you would like to support MacMillan or want to find out a little more about them, please visit [Macmillan Cancer Support | The UK's leading cancer care charity](http://Macmillan Cancer Support | The UK's leading cancer care charity)



## Restart A Heart Day

On Monday 16th October our pupils in Years 3, 4 & 5 will be joining an online interactive CPR awareness session hosted by a paramedic team from Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) to mark 'Restart a Heart Day'. The light touch session has been carefully planned and is designed to be both fun and informative and focuses on who to call in an emergency, knowing your address etc., with an CPR interactive demonstration for pupils to follow.

**We're asking that the children bring in a cuddly toy as their patient on that day.** Should parents wish to join in the learning, KSS are also offering parent and child 30-minute sessions later in the day at 4pm, 5pm or 6pm – **to register visit [aakss.org.uk/restart](http://aakss.org.uk/restart)**. For useful resources and support on heart health, please visit [www.bhf.org.uk/informationsupport](http://www.bhf.org.uk/informationsupport)

Year 6 will be doing Restart A Heart workshops in school on Thursday 19th October run by Kent Fire Brigade.

Kids save Lives



## Ethic of Excellence

A huge well done to the following children from their Ethic of Excellence Award!

### **Week ending 29th September**

**Emma M - Diamond Class**

**Theo T - Sapphire Class**

**Evelyn H - Moonstone Class**

**Albie P - Tanzanite Class**

**Perrie W - Aquamarine Class**

**Eloise C - Turquoise Class**

### **Week ending 6th October**

**Isabell B - Topaz Class**

**Naomi Z - Sunstone Class**

**Isabella R - Amethyst Class**

**Navid M - Peridot Class**

**Pippa T - Zultanite Class**

**Isabella R - Quartz Class**





## Shout Outs

Well done to Ria in Amber Class for her determination to learn this week. Ria's writing has been amazing and she is working so hard in phonics, maths, and everything else! I am incredibly proud of her.

Well done also to Lana In Amber Class as she has really focused this week on improving the presentation of her work, her handwriting is improving, it's becoming easier to read and it's clear to see how proud Lana is to show her work when she has finished.

Jenson L in Ruby Class wrote Mrs Muir's favourite sentence of the whole week in literacy on Wednesday:

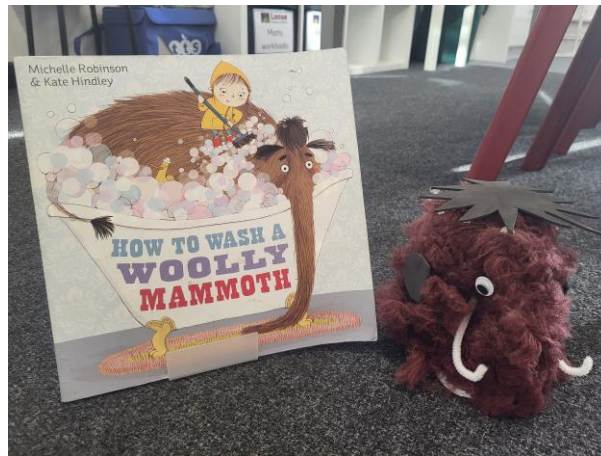
"Several black birds flew firmly with transparent snowflakes in the snowy sky."

He has worked very hard on his narrative writing all week. Mrs Muir

Zara A Year 3 Amber, showed great perseverance and determination when completing a 10k Twilight walk with her family in aid of Ellenor Hospice on Friday.



A few weeks ago Jax A in Amber Class was feeling poorly and wasn't in school, when he came back in, he brought with him a mammoth he had made a home. So even though he was poorly he was still determined to learn! Well done Jax!



## Holiday Play Scheme

The booking system for our Holiday play scheme is now open. Bookings can only be made via our school website under the extended services section, or by following the link below.

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=15&form=17>

Please find attached the flyer with more details. Bookings will close on Tuesday 17th October at 4pm and you will not be able to book after this time. Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.



## House Points

1st - Curie

2nd - Attenborough

3rd - Donaldson

4th - Parks

**Well done to Curie House who have highest points this week!**

## PTA Events & Dates

There is still time for last minute entries for our Lucky Lotto and Design a Pumpkin competition! So get those payments to us and send off your best pumpkin faces to be in with a chance of winning one of our amazing prizes. 🎃

Our KS2 Disco is happening on the 13th Friday. If you haven't already got tickets, its £3 in advance or £4 on the door. We still need helpers on the night, either 3:30-5pm or 5:30-7pm. If you can help on either of these then please email [Loosepta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Loosepta@yahoo.co.uk)

Payments for the Disco or Lucky Lotto can be made as below:

Loose Primary School PTA

Account 47721759

Sort Code 23-05-80

Reference for Lucky Lotto should be LL followed by your child's year group and name.

Reference for disco should be your child's year group followed by their name.

Our AGM is taking place at the school in the staff room on the 12th October at 8pm. Feel free to come along and join us.

And last, but by no means least, we are still looking for stall holders for our Christmas Fair on the 25th November. If you are interested please email us and tell us what wonderful products you are hoping to sell. We'd love to get as many local people involved as possible.



## Community News

*Kingfisher Korfball – a unique sports club based in Maidstone - are looking for children and adults to join their teams.*

*Korfball is the world's only mixed gender team sport, which promotes equality and fair play in a way that no other sport does. It does not simply include both boys and girls in the sport, but requires a team consisting of both genders.*

*No previous experience is necessary, just a love of sport and a desire to try something new.*

*Please read to find out more.*



Founded in 1980



# KORFBALL

THE WORLD'S ONLY  
MIXED GENDER TEAM SPORT

## WHAT IS KORFBALL?

Korfball is the world's only mixed gender team sport. It consists of a team of 4 female and 4 male players. With the skills required similar to that of basketball, handball and netball, gameplay will be familiar to many. The one significant difference, is that anyone can shoot and everyone takes their turn playing both defence and attack. This makes Korfball a sport that not only encourages team work and fair play, but equality.



## KORFBALL LEAGUES

Korfball is played at a local, regional, national and international level. Kingfisher Korfball Club plays in the local Kent Adult and Junior Leagues, with the clubs first and second teams playing in the National Premier League and South East Regional League respectively. Each season individuals are given the chance to try out for the Kent and England Korfball Squads (both at junior and senior level). Kingfisher Korfball Club is proud to have continued representation at both these levels.



## JUNIOR TEAMS

There are Kent Junior Leagues for children at U9, U11 and U14 age groups. Children develop skills, co-ordination and teamwork, all the while developing lasting friendships with their teammates. We endeavour to make training a fun and nurturing place for all.

## TRAINING @ Maidstone Grammar School for Girls

### Kent Adult League

Aged 14+  
Wednesdays  
7:30pm-9:00pm

### Juniors

Aged 6-13  
Thursdays  
6:30pm-7:30pm

### National League Adults

Experienced Players  
Thursdays  
7:45pm-9:45pm

## JOIN THE REVOLUTION

kingfisherkc\_recruitment@hotmail.co.uk



## Correct Contact Details

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